

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/3/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9,23-30 and 35-40.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

The Appeal Brief filed July 3, 2007 has been entered and is acknowledged by the Examiner.

Applicant's arguments, with respect to claims 23-30 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 23-30 has been withdrawn.

Claims 1-9, 23-30 and 35-40 are currently pending in the instant application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Steven Nichols on October 12, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

Claim 1, lines 3-5 have been replaced with the following text:

--- a startup element permanently coupled to said reflector and fixed in position at a designated distance from said reflector opening for insertion of a lamp assembly, wherein said reflector and said startup element are configured to allow a replaceable coupling of the lamp assembly to said reflector assembly.-----

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Claim 35, lines 4-9 have been replaced with the following text:

--- a startup element fixedly coupled to said reflector and fixed in position at a designated distance from said reflector opening for insertion of a lamp assembly, a support structure, separate from the lamp assembly, for fixedly coupling said startup element to said reflector, said support structure being coupled to said reflector and to said startup element to support said startup element within said reflector, wherein said startup element is configured to receive a portion of the lamp assembly that is removably coupled to said reflector assembly.----

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-9, 23-30 and 35-40 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1 and 35, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest a reflector assembly with the combination of the limitations as set forth in claims 1 and 35, and specifically comprising the limitation of the startup element permanently coupled to said reflector and fixed in position at a designated distance from said reflector opening for insertion of a lamp assembly, the reflector and the startup element being configured to allow a replaceable coupling of the lamp assembly to the reflector assembly.

Claims 2-9 and 36-40 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 1 and 35 because of their dependency status from claim 1 and 35 respectively.

Regarding claim 23 the prior art of record neither teaches nor suggests the method of forming a reflector assembly with all the limitations as claimed and particularly, affixing the startup element to the reflector such that the startup element is supported at a predetermined location within the reflector prior to coupling of a lamp assembly with the reflector assembly.

Claims 24-30 are allowed because of their dependency status from claim 23.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sikha Roy whose telephone number is (571) 272-2463. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimeshkumar D. Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization is (571) 273-8300.

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